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RECEIPT OF DRAFT NORWEGIAN NOTIFICATION OF

EXERCISE "BATTEN BOLT 75" PRECLUDED REPLY IN TIME FOR
POLADS MEETING SEPTEMBER 10. OSLO SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING
OBSERGATIONS TO APPROPRIATE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. WE SUGGEST NOTIFICATION BE CLARIFIED TO INDICATE
WHETHER NUMBER OF 8,000 REFERS TO "TROOPS" IN ORDER TO
ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION ON THIS POINT.
OTHERWISE, FORMAT OF NORWEGIAN DRAFT APPEARS GENERALLY
CONSISTENT WITH NOTIFICATIONS OF NATO MANEUVERS ALREADY
MADE UNDER TERMS OF CSCE.

3. YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE TO NORWEGIANS THAT WE UNDERSTAND
THEIR INTEREST IN VOLUNTARILY NOTIFYING SMALLER MANEUVERS
IN VIEW OF THEIR GREAT INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT DURING
CSCE NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, YOU SHOUL
POINT OUT THAT

"BATTEN BOLT 75" WITH 8,000 PARTICIPANTS FALLS BELOW
MANEUVERS IN 10,000 - 25,000 RANGE WITHIN WHICH MOST
ALLIES HAVE AGREED THAT VOLUNTARY NOTIFICATION WOULD
NORMALLY BE DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE SIMILAR
NOTIFICATION BY WARSAW PACT. WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT
WARSAW PACT WOULD VOLUNTARILY NOTIFY MANEUVERS BELOW
10,000. NEVERTHELESS, WE SUPPORT NORWEGIAN INITIATIVE
IN NOTIFYING "BATTEN BOLT 75" AS IT IS CONSISTENT WITH
US POSITION ON MAXIMUM ALLIED IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE
MANEUVER CBM. KISSINGER

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